

REMARKS

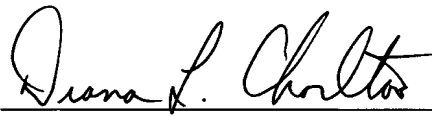
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-27.

Claim 29 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wallberg (US 3,269,570). Applicants have cancelled claim 29.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be incurred by this response. Should any attached papers become lost or separated or should any additional fees be deemed necessary for this submission, including for example petition and fee for extensions of time or additional claims, the Commissioner is requested to treat this as such petition, and is hereby authorized to charge any such fees due to Caterpillar Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 03-1129.

Respectfully submitted,

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